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expect to get the reply from the Central Government? Then, Sir, Sri Balakrishnan was saying how to improve the position in the State and how to abolish untouchability. An opportunity was given him to show it in action. He married only a few months back. Instead of suggesting to the Government and the Hon. Minister as to how to rectify the defects found in the country why did not the hon. Member follow the methods which he has suggested for others to follow? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri Balakrishnan should answer that."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" For the second part of the question the hon. Member Sri Balakrishnan will answer. In regard to the first part of the question I may say that we expect the approval of the Government of India shortly."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have allowed enough time for this question. I will now take up the next question."

Anicut across the supply channel to Karakulam tank.

* 1495 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the ryots of Regunathapuram village in Regunathapuram vattam, Alangudi taluk of Pudukottai Division, Tiruchirappalli district, have petitioned for the construction of an anicut across the supply channel to Karakulam tank:

(*b*) if so, the action taken on their petition; and

(*c*) the extent of lands expected to be irrigated after the construction?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

Railway passes for M.L.As. and M.L.Cs.

(Starred questions 1496 and 1497 taken together.)

* 1496 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide the Members of the State Legislature with railway passes available throughout the State as in the case of Members of Parliament?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir."

* 1497 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to give Members of the Legislature railway passes for travel within the State;

(*b*) if so, whether any recommendations have been made to the Central Government in this behalf; and

(*c*) whether any reply has been received?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The proposal is under examination.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

Drinking water well for Vadagupoondi.

* 1498 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR (on behalf of Sri V. Gopala Goundar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation from the ryots of Vadugupoondi village in Gingee taluk, South Arcot district, was received by the Government in May 1953 for sinking a drinking water well in that village; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Representations in the matter were received from the ryots of Vadugupoondi.

" (*b*) The work was included in the comprehensive programme for 1954–55. The estimate for the work has been prepared. The work will be taken up soon."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Question No. 1499 will be taken up tomorrow."

T.P.K. Beedi Factory, Badagara.

* 1500 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the management of T.P.K. Beedi Factory, Badagara, Malabar, did not implement the terms of settlement arrived at before the Labour Officer, Malabar on 1st August 1953 regarding a dispute between the workers and the management by which the workers should get gratuity, leave with wages, etc.; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) It is reported that the workers of T.P.K. Beedi Factory, Badagara have been paid the amount due to them as per the Memorandum of settlement."

Residential quarters for M.L.As. in Government Estate.

* 1501 *Q.*—SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many members of the Legislature have applied for residential quarters in the Government Estate;